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Cyclone Relief Committee for the Tiruchirappalli district.

* 564 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any non-official relief committee was constituted by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli for the purpose of giving relief to the people affected by cyclone in the district;

(b) what is the total amount collected by the committee in cash and in kind;

(c) how many times the committee met; and

(d) whether the committee is still functioning or when it was wound up?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
"(a) Yes.

"(b) The total amount collected by the Committee up to 15th March 1953 is Rs. 20,223–4–0. Nothing was collected in kind.

"(c) Only one meeting of the Committee was held.

"(d) The Committee is still functioning."

Murder cases in Wynaad and Kozhikode taluks.

* 565 Q.—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have got complaints from Wynaad and Kozhikode taluks that many murder cases have not been properly detected by the police; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action against the officers concerned who are in charge of that area?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(a) Government have received petitions regarding four murder cases which are alleged to have occurred in Wynaad and Kozhikode taluks recently. In two out of the four cases, it was alleged that the police had failed to detect the cases.

"(b) In one of the two cases which the police are alleged to have failed in detecting, the Inspector-General of Police has reported that the allegation has no basis, and the second complaint has been transferred to the Inspector-General of Police for disposal. The question of taking action against any Police officers did not arise in connexion with the complaints."

Shortage of sulphate of ammonia in the Sales Society, Tindivanam.

* 566 Q.—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received from the public at Tindivanam complaining against the shortage of 7½ tons of sulphate of ammonia entrusted for sale with the Sales Society, Tindivanam;

(*b*) if so, what action has so far been taken on it; and

(*c*) if action has been taken, what is the stage at which the enquiry stands?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The matter is under examination."

Bridge over Kadiangad river, North Malabar.

* 567 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the public of Perambra and its surrounding villages in North Malabar to construct a bridge over Kadiangad river on Kuttiady-Perambra road; and

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Alleged lathi charge by police at Virudunagar on 14th March 1953.

* 568 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether there was a lathi charge on the people by the police on 14th March 1953 at Virudunagar in connexion with Meenambikai Motor Strike; if so, what were the reasons for the lathi charge?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The strikers and their friends were physically obstructing those who were taking out buses. They were duly warned not to indulge in such illegal obstruction. They dispersed when they saw that the police were ready for action. There was no lathi charge."

Exploitation of the iron ore in Salem district.

* 569 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether there is any proposal at present before the Government to exploit the iron ore in Salem district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. The economic feasibility of setting up an iron and steel plant utilizing Salem iron ores and lignite deposits of South Arcot district is under the consideration of the Government."

Supply of power from Machkund Project.

* 570 *Q.*—SRI G. LATCHANNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of energy that will be generated in Machkund and how much of its power will be distributed in the first stage and to which parts; and